

**U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
INITIAL POLLUTION REPORT**

**DATE:** November 05, 2004

**SUBJECT:** Sandy Hook Crude Oil Spill  
Sandy Hook, Elliot County, Kentucky

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**I. BACKGROUND**

LEAD AGENCY:	EPA, Region 4, ERRB 61 Forsyth Street, SW Atlanta, Georgia 30303
NPL:	No
FUNDING:	OPA
FPN#	E05402
LEAD OSC:	Brook Bass
SITE ID:	Z4HB

**II SITUATION**

Date of Notification:	November 04, 2005
Date Action Started:	November 04, 2005
Pollutant:	Crude Oil
Source Identification:	abandoned well

**III ACTIONS TAKEN**

On November 04, 2004, EPA received notification of a discharge of an unknown amount of crude oil from an abandoned well in Sandy Hook, Kentucky. KY DEP responded to the incident and reported that, due to flood waters, crude oil had been discharged from the abandoned well into Brandy Branch and subsequent downstream waters including Grayson Reservoir, a Corps of Engineers managed facility. At the time, the responsible party could not be identified. KY DEP took initial actions to minimize the migration of oil in Brandy Branch, however, flood waters limited these activities. KY DEP requested assistance from EPA and OSC

Bass was dispatched along with ERRS contractor CMC, Inc.

#### **IV FUTURE ACTIONS**

OSC Bass will direct on-scene operations to mitigate the discharge and to assess the down stream impacts from the oil spill. OSC Bass will continue coordination with KY DEP and the Corps of Engineers.

#### **V ESTIMATED COSTS**